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SUBJECT: THE COALITION SCORECARD: NATIONAL GROUPING

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS. THE DEADLINE FOR DOCUMENTING ELECTORAL COALITIONS BEFORE THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMITTEE (MIDNIGHT MAY 3) AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SUAREZ WOULD RUN FOR A CENTER FORMATION PRODUCED A BURST OF FRENETIC LAST-MINUTE ACTIVITY AND THE SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS TESTIFYING TO THE AGGLUTINATION OF VARIOUS GROUPINGS OF POLITICAL HALF-BROTHERS, COUSINS AND EVEN THE RETURN OF THE FOLD OF A FEW PRODIGAL SONS. THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMITTEE THEN MET MAY 5 AND FORMALLY APPROVED THE REGISTRATION OF 18 DIFFERENCE COALITIONS, 7 OF WHICH MAKE AT LEAST SOME PRETENSE TO BE NATION-WIDE GROUPINGS OR AT LEAST TO TRANSCEND ANY ONE TRADITIONAL REGION. (THE REMAINING 11 PURELY REGIONAL GROUPINGS WILL BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY.)

--THUS, IF THE ELECTORAL PANORAMA REMAINS COMPLEX, IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY SIMPLIFIED, PARTICULARLY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN RESPECT OF THE LOWER HORSE RACES. BOTH THE REGIONAL PICTURE AND THE SENATE RACE REMAIN MORE COMPLICATED AND INFORMAL COALITIONS IN RESPECT OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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--AMONG NATIONAL COALITIONS AND PARTIES THE MAJOR CONTENDERS FOR VOTES WOULD APPEAR TO BE:

A. THE UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER (THE COALITION OF ASSORTED CENTRISTS THAT BACK SUAREZ).

B. THE ALIANZA POPULAR - THE CONSERVATIVE (SOME

CALL IT NEO-FRANCOIST) COALITION LED BY MANUEL FRAGA THAT PROVIDES SUAREZ HIS OPPOSITION ON THE RIGHT.

C. THE SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY (PSOE) LED BY FELIPE GONZALEZ, A MEMBER OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL AND ENJOYING THE BACKING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

D. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC "TEAM" - A COALITION OF ONE NATIONAL PARTY (FDC) AND SEVERAL REGIONAL GROUPS WHOSE PRINCIPAL LEADER IS JOAQUIN RUIZ GIMENEZ (THEY REFUSED TO JOIN THE AMORPHOUS CENTER THAT BACKS SUAREZ, BUT NEITHER ARE THEY ANTI-SUAREZ.)

E. THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) LED BY SANTIAGO CARRILLO PLUS ITS SEVERAL REGIONAL BRANCHES.

END SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS.

3. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL POLITICAL GROUPINGS ARE LISTED BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THE IR PARTICIPATION, IF ANY, IN THE 5 MORE IMPORTANT APPROVED NATIONAL-LEVEL COALITIONS (ALIANZA NACIONAL 18 DE JULIO, UNION DE CENTRO DEMOCRATICO, EQUIPO DE LA DEMOCRACIA CRISTIANA, ALIANZA SOCIALISTA DEMOCRATICA, AND UNIDAD SOCIALISTA).

A. EXTREME RIGHT (FRANCOIST): ALIANZA NACIONAL 18 DE JULIO, FORMED BY:

--GIRON'S CONFEDERACION NACIONAL DE COMBATIENTES:

--FERNANDEZ CUESTA'S FALANGE ESPANOLA Y DE LAS HONS;

--BLAS PINAR'S FUERZA NUEVA;

--PARTIDO DE ACCION NACIONAL; AND

--COMUNION TRADICIONALISTA.

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B. MODERN RIGHT (NEO-FRANCOIST): FRAGA'S ALIANZA POPULAR, AS AN ALREADY REGISTERED FEDERATION, DID NOT HAVE TO REREGISTER AS A COALITION. AP CONSISTS OF REMFORMA DEMOCRATICA (RD--FRAGA), UNION DEL PUEBLO ESPANOL (UDPE--MARTINEZ ESTERUELAS), ACCION REGIONAL (AR--LOPEZ RODO), DEMOCRACIA SOCIAL (DS--DE LA FUENTE), AND UNION SOCIAL POPULAR (USP--THOMAS DE CARRANZA)--ALL OF WHICH JOINED TOGETHER RECENTLY TO FORM THE PARTIDO UNIDO DE ALIANZA POPULAR--PLUS SILVA MUNOZ'S ACCION DEMOCRATICA ESPANOLA (ADE) AND FERNANDEZ DE LA MORA'S UNION NACIONAL ESPANOLA (UNE). AP DID, HOWEVER, REGISTER TWO REGIONAL LEVEL COALITIONS -- ONE IN CATALONIA AND THE OTHER IN THE BASQUE PROVINCE OF GUIPUZCOA.

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C. CENTER-RIGHT: UNION DE CENTRO DEMOCRATICO, FORMED
BY:

- PARTIDO POPULAR (PP-CABANILLAS);
- PARTIDO DEMOCRATA CRISTIANA (PDC-ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA);
- PARTIDO SOCIAL DEMOCRATA (PSD-FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ);
- UNION SOCIAL DEMOCRATA ESPANOLA (USDE-DE LA PENA);
- PARTIOD SOCIAL DEMOCRATA INDEPENDIENTE (PSDI-CASADO);
- FEDERACION SOCIAL DEMOCRATA (FSD-LAUSEN);
- FEDERACION DE PARTIDOS DEMOCRATAS Y LIBERALES (FPDL-GARRIGUES WALKER);
- PARTIDO DEMOCRATA POPULAR (PDP-CAMUNAS);
- PARTIDO LIBERAL (PL-LARROQUE);
- PARTIDO PROGRESISTA LIBERAL (PPL-MADARIAGA);
- ACCION REGIONAL EXTREMENA (AREY-SANCHEZ DE LEON);
- PARTIOD SOCIAL LIBERAL ANDALUZ (PSLA-CLAVERIO);
- PARTIDO GALLEGO INDEPENDIENT (PGI-PEREZ PUGA/MEILAN GIL);
- UNION DEMOCRATICA DE MURCIA (UDM-CRESPO); AND
- UNION CANARIA (UC-OLLARTE).

D. CENTER: EQUIPO DE LA DEMOCRACIA CRISTIANA, FORMED
BY THE RUIZ GIMENEZ/GIL ROBLES FEDERACION DE LA DEMOCRACIA
CRISTIANA (FDC) AND RUIZ MONRABAL'S UNION DEMOCRATICA DEL PAIS
VALENCIANO (UDPV) TWO OF THEOTHER THREE MEMBER PARTIES
OF THE SPANISH CD "TEAM" -- THE PARTIOD NACIONALISTA
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VASCO (PNV) AND PARTIDO POPULAR GALLEGO (PPG) -- WILL RUN
USING THEIR OWN PARTY NAMES, WHILE THE THIRD, CANELLAS'
UNION DEMOCRATICA DE CATALUNA (UDC), HAS FORMED ITS OWN
REGIONAL COALITION (SEPTOL). CD SPOKESMEN HAVE EMPHASIEZED
THAT THESE AFFECT THE CONTINUING EXISTENCE OF THE SPANISH

CD "TEAM".

E. CENTER-LEFT: ALIANZA SOCIALISTA DEMOCRATICA, MADE

UP OF:

--PARTIOD SOCIALISTA OBRERA ESPANOL - SECTOR HISTORICO

(PSOE-H) OF MURILLO; AND

--PARTIDO SOCIALISTA DEMOCRATICO EXPANOL (PSDE) OF

GARCIA LOPEZ (CANTARERO'S RSE HAD EARLIER BEEN EJECTED FROM

THIS COALITION, AND WILL RUN ALONE, AND LASUEN'S FSD SEVERED

ITS LINKAGE WITH THESE PARTIES AT THE LAST MINUTE TO JUMP

ABOARD THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER BANDWAGON).

F. DEMOCRATIC LEFT; THE PARTIDO SOCIALISTA OBRERO

ESPAÑOL (PSOE) HAS FORMED NO NATION-WIDE COALITIONS. EXCEPT

FOR CATALUNA, WHERE THE PSOE'S REGIONAL FEDERATION HAS FORMED

A COALITION WITH RAVENTOS'S PSC-C (SEPTEL), THE PSOE INTENDS

TO RUN ITS OWN LABELED SLATES IN THE LOWER HOUSE CONTEST

IN ALL PROVINCES.

G. DEMOCRATIC LEFT: UNIDAD SOCIALISTA, FORMED BY:

--TIERNO GALVAN'S PARTIOD SOCIALISTA POPULAR (PSP); AND

-- REMNANTS OF THE FEDERACION DE PARTIDOS SOCIALISTAS

(FPS), PARTICULARLY ROJAS MARCOS' PARTIDO SOCIALISTA ANDALUZ

(PSA) AND THE RADICAL VALENCIAN SOCIALISTS (PSPV) OF THE

GARCES BROTHERS.

H. NON-DEMOCRATIC LEFT: THE PCE, RUNNING UNALLIED,

WILL PRESENT ITS OWN LABELED SLATES IN ALL THE LOWER HOUSE

RACES. IN CATALUNA, OF COURSE, IT WILL BE REPRESENTED

BY ITS CATALAN BRANCH, THE PARTIDO SOCIALISTA UNIFICADO DE

CATALUNA (PSUC), WHICH WAS LEGALIZED ON MAY 3.

8. EXTREME LEFT: NO PARTIES TO THE LEFT OF THE PCE HAVE BEEN

LEGALIZED. CONSEQUENTLY, BARRING SOME UNFORESEEN DEVELOP-

MENT IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS, THEY WILL BE COMPELLED TO PRESENT

"INDEPENDENT" SLATES OF CANDIDATES OR TO SIT OUT THE CONTEST

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ENTIRELY.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE COALITIONS INCLUDED IN THE

ABOVE LISTING, TWO ADDITIONAL "NATIONAL" MINI-GROUPINGS

ALSO WERE APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMITTEE. THEY

ARE THE:

-- FEDERACION LABORISTA, MADE UP OF THE PARTIDO REFORMISTA

INDEPENDIENTE (PRI-SOMAVILLA FERNANDEZ), PARTIDO LABORISTA

(PL-COLOMER VIADEL), AND PARTIOD NUEVA IZQUIERDA NACIOANL

(PNIN-VERA); AND

-- FRENTE DEMOCRATICO DE IZQUIERDAS, MADE UP OF THE

PARTIDO SOCIALISTA INDEPENDIENT (BENNASER) AND THE BLOQUE

DEMOCRATICO SOCIAL INDEPENDIENTE (VERA).

5. COMMENT: WE WILL NOT KNOW UNTIL THE MIDNIGHT MAY 8

DEADLINE FOR SLATES OF CANDIDATES WHAT FINAL GENTLEMAN'S

AGREEMENTS MAY BE REACHED IN THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION

AND HOW THE SENATE SLATE IN THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION
AND HOW THE SENATE SLATE (WHICH WILL CONSIST OF ONE
ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF ALL CANDIDATES IN EACH PROVINCE)
WILL LOOK IN FINAL. THE PSOE AND RUIZ GIMENEZ/GIL ROBLES
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE WORKING UP JOINT LISTS OF MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE SENATORIAL CANDIDATES IN MANY PROVINCES AND THE PSOE
AND THE MAJOR BASQUE PARTY, THE PNV, HAVE REACHED A SIMILAR
AGREEMENT ON THE SENATE IN THE BASQUE PROVINCES. STABLER

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